

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 4029 – SB 4071

April 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016762): Deletes all language of original bill. Creates a one-year pilot program to make laptops available to juniors and seniors attending high school who are also enrolled in college courses at eligible post-secondary institutions. The program will occur in two high schools in each Grand Division. Program shall be administered by the Department of Education (DOE). The Tennessee Higher Education Commission in consultation with the DOE shall make rules and regulations regarding this program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$197,600/One-Time

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$300,000/One-Time

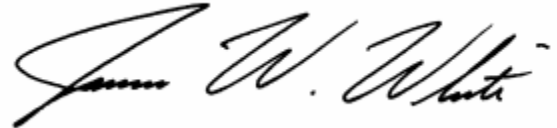
Increase Local Expenditures - \$30,000/Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Education, any cost to administer this program is estimated to be not significant.
- Six schools will be chosen for the program. The cost of laptops is limited to \$500 each.
- According to the Tennessee Board of Regents and the DOE, a precise number of students who will be included in this program is unknown, however, it is estimated that there is an average of 100 dual-enrolled students per participating high school. State one-time expenditures will be \$300,000 (600 students x \$500 = \$300,000).
- The computers will be the property of the local education agency (LEA), therefore, any maintenance costs not included in the original purchase agreement will be the responsibility of the LEA. DOE assumes local recurring expenditures for maintenance will be 10 percent of the total or \$30,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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